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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF FRONT PAGE YOMIURI OCTOBER 7 ARTICLE
ENTITLED "KIM CALLS FOR ABANDONMENT OF JAPAN-US MUTUAL
SECURITY TREATY";

"KIM IL SUNG, PRESIDENT OF NORTH KOREA, HAS SAID IN
REPLY TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE YOMIURI
SHIMBUN, THAT ALL US FORCES IN ASIA, INCLUDING SOUTH
KOREA, SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE JAPAN-US SECURITY
TREATY SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE NORTH KOREAN HEAD
OF STATE HAS DIRECTLY CALLED FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE
JAPAN-US SECURITY PACT.

TSUNEHIRO ISATO, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE NEWS-
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PAPER, SENT THE WRITTEN INQUIRY THROUGH A YOMIURI

SHIMBUN CORRESPONDENT WHO VISITED NORTH KOREA WITH
THE LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY MISSION LATE IN JULY
THIS YEAR.

KIM'S ANSWER WAS HANDED TO ISATO BY A MISSION OF
THE CHOSENSOREN, PRO PYONGYANG GROUP OF KOREAN RESSIDENTS
STAYING IN JAPAN, WHICH RECENTLY RETURNED TO TOKYO AFTER
VISITING NORTH KOREA.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE
UN BY THE US, JAPAN AND FOUR OTHER NATIONS TO DISMANTLE
THE UN FORCES HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH KOREA, KIM SAID
THAT ITS AIM WAS TO DECEIVE.

THE DISMANTLING OF UN FORCES HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH
KOREA AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES STAYING THERE
SHOULD NOT BE TREATED SEPARATELY, HE SAID.

AS LONG AS US FORCES STAYED IN SOUTH KOREA, THERE
WOULD BE NO INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF
KOREA -- WHICH WAS DESIRED BY THE WHOLE KOREAN PEOPLE.

ON THE QUESTION OF ASIAN STABILITY, JAPANESE POLICY
HAD TO BE CAREFULLY WATCHED, KIM SAID. RECENT JAPANESE
MOVES SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT IT WAS TRYING TO CON-
TINUE ITS POLICY OF FOLLOWING US IMPERIALISM WHICH
AIMED AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO KOREAN NATIONS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT KIM MADE THESE COMMENTS
AS THE RESULT OF RECENT JAPAN-US SUMMIT TALKS WHICH
REAFFIRMED THE JAPAN-US SECURITY PACT AND THE
NECESSITY FOR STABILITY IN SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO
SAFEGUARD JAPAN'S SECURITY.

NORTH KOREA HAS NO INTENTION OF TALKING THE
OFFENSIVE AS FAR AS SOUTH KOREA IS CONCERNED, HE SAID.

KIM SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE JAPAN-US
SECURITY TREATY HAD THE FORM OF A MILITARY AGREEMENT
FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES. HE THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD
BE ABOLISHED WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM
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SOUTH KOREA.

KIM DECLARED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD DONE EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE US. IT WAS
UP TO THE US TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE, HE SAID.

AS A SOCIALIST NATION, NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN
DEVELOPING STEADILY AND INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTION IN RECENT YEARS WERE REMARKABLE, HE SAID.

THERE WERE SOME TROUBLES IN TRADE WITH JAPAN
BUT IT WAS NOT A MAJOR DIFFICULTY AND WOULD BE SETTLED
SHORTLY, KIM ADDED."

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